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SUBJECT: COCOM BUDGET

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1. CHAIRMAN HAS APPEALED TO USDEL FOR CASH PAYMENT OF SHORTFALL IN US CONTRIBUTION FOR 1974, AMOUNTING TO 13,615 FRANCS. THIS DEFICIT ARISES FROM DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ACTUAL US CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND AND IN CASH (INCLUDING PAYMENT OF 32,008 FRANCS ON APRIL 17, 1975), TOTALLING 263,207 FRANCS, AND ITS CONTRIBUTION OF 276,822 FRANCS AFTER INCREASE ON ACCOUNT OF LIST REVIEW. APRIL PAYMENT WAS MADE ON BASIS OF ESTIMATES. IT WAS AGREED BETWEEN CHAIRMAN AND USDEL LAST FALL THAT THIS SUM WOULD BE OFFSET AGAINST US CONTRIBUTION FOR 1976.

2. THIS WEEK, HOWEVER, CHAIRMAN INFORMED USDEL THAT THE COMMITTEE IS NEARLY PENNILESS AND IS UNABLE EVEN TO PAY SALARIES. CERTAIN SECRETARIAL EMPLOYEES WERE APPROACHED TO FOREGO PART OF THEIR SALARIES BUT REFUSED. HENCE, SITUATION IS CRITICAL, BOTH FINANCIALLY AND FROM MORALE VIEWPOINT.

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3. THIS SITUATION ARISES FROM INABILITY OR UNWILLINGNESS, SO FAR, OF GERMAN DELEGATION TO PAY ITS CONTRIBUTION FOR 1975, APPARENTLY OWING TO BUREAUCRATIC OR LEGAL COMPLICATIONS. PAYMENT WAS TO HAVE BEEN MADE IN FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY BUT WAS NOT MADE. BOTH CHAIRMAN AND USDEL, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE, HAVE APPEALED TO GERMAN DEL FOR PAYMENT, AND LATTER HAS PROMISED TO RAISE THE MATTER URGENTLY AGAIN WITH BONN. IN CASE GERMANY REMAINS IN DEFAULT FOR SOME TIME, HOWEVER, USDEL BELIEVES IT ADVISABLE AND APPROPRIATE FOR US TO MAKE UP ITS 1974 DEFICIT NOW. WE THEREFORE REQUEST PROMPT AUTHORIZATION AND ALLOTMENT, ON URGENT BASIS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: ALLOTMENT OF DOLLAR EQUIVALENT OF 13,615 FRANCS -- \$3,040 AT THE CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE OF 4.4785 FRANCS TO THE DOLLAR -- FOR PAYMENT TO COCOM. AS DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN ADVISED, 1976 RENT ESTIMATE FOR COMMITTEE'S PREMISES HAS BEEN INCREASED TO 94,800 FRANCS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS INDEX. HENCE, US DEFICITS WILL BE LESS LIKELY IN FUTURE.
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